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long before it gets down to what I am proposing here. If we are going to have to override a veto of this bill, we're going to have to override it with everything that is in it. There are things in it now which I do not like. Senator Jensen has finally gotten into this bill an increase in the tax on cigarettes. I say that we should bring about a balance in the legislative universe in the same way we're trying to bring about a balance in the state's financial condition. We have alcohol on the one hand; tobacco on the other. Tobacco has been taxed. So the scale, Senator Wickersham, is out of balance. The way we bring balance into this picture is to begin to tax the alcohol and then the scale balances. And if we can do it, when it comes to tobacco, we can do it, and should do it, when it comes to alcohol. So, it appearing that we only have one person here, that is all that I will say on this matter. Thank you, Mr. President. But I hope I can get enough green votes to adopt the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the closing. All members present or accounted for but Senator Preister. All present members are accounted for. The question for the body is adoption of FA1063 to the Kruse amendment, AM3634. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the adoption of the Chambers amendment, FA1063, to the Kruse amendment. Have you all voted who care to? Been a request for a roll call vote from Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal pages 1536-1537.) 16 ayes, 22 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: FA1063 was not adopted. I do raise the call. Back to discussion, the Kruse amendment, AM3634, to LB 1085. Seeing no lights on, Senator Kruse, do you wish to close on your amendment, AM3634?

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I will close. And I would ask for a call of the house, while we're all together here in a nice, friendly fashion, and will be asking for a machine vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the